

AT THE MORNING SERVICE.

The sermon was long and the preacher was prosy.
The cushion was soft and the corner was cosy;
And, musing, I knew,
By my side in the pew,
Was a dear little face that was dimpled and rosy.
A stray bit of lace and the curl of a feather
Lay close to my cheek, and I didn't care whether
The service was long
Or flirting was wrong
In a lonely back pew as we knelt down together.
In reading the prayers we had one book between us;
So sweet was her smile that, had nobody seen us,
While bent on our knees
(Oh, how Cupid did tease)
I had stolen a kiss, with the prayer-book between us.
In the oriel window the sunlight was gleaming,
In my drowsy old brain I felt love fancies teeming.
Then my heart gave a thump—
But my head got a bump
On the back of the pew—I had only been dreaming.

Flashes of Fun.

Justifiable homicide—Sleighting girls.
And how old are you my little man? "I'm not old at all. I am nearly new."
"Why does marriage make men thoughtful?" asked a young lady of an old bachelor. "Well, I suppose it is because they are continually wondering what's going to happen next."
A teacher asked a boy who was the meekest man? "Moses, sir," was the answer. "Very well, my boy; now who was the meekest woman?" "Please, sir, there never was any meek women."
Bill Nye knows an Indian squaw whose name translated into our tongue means "The swift-daughter-of-the-prairie-blizzard—that-gathers-the-huckleberry-on-the-run-and don't-you-forget-it."
"How old are you?" asked a Justice of the Peace of Jim Webster, who was under arrest for stealing chickens. "I dunno," said the darkey. "When were you born?" "What am de use of my tellin' you 'bout my buffday; you ain't gwine to make me no buffday present."
"How is your father coming on?" asked Col. Percy Yerger of a darkey he used to own before the war. "He am dead?" "Dead, is he? He must have reached an advanced age." He did that for a fac'. He was libin' up to de berry day ob his deff."
"I say, Paddy, that is the worst looking horse that I have ever seen in harness. Why don't you fatten him up?" "Fat him up, is it? Faix, the poor baste can hardly carry the little mate that's on him now," replied Paddy.—*Kentucky State Journal.*

Newsboy—Paper, sir? Irascible Old Gentleman—No; I don't read the papers. Newsboy (commiseratingly)—H'm! That so? Too bad. My eddication wuz neglected, too, when I wuz a little feller, but I pulled up for it by goin' to night school and learnin' to read.

The body of a man who had drowned himself was taken from the water by a policeman. "Does anybody know anything about this man?" asked the policeman of someurchins present. "We seed him just as he came up for the last time, but we forgot to ask him what his name was," said one of the boys.

"May I dance this waltz with you, Miss Esmeralda?" said Kosciusko Murphy at a recent ball to Miss Esmeralda Longcoffin, one of the fairest belles of Austin.

"Oh, please excuse me Mr. Murphy, I do not care to waltz."
"Then allow me to conduct you to a seat and entertain you with my conversation."

"Gracious heavens! No, let us waltz," exclaimed Esmeralda.—*Texas Siftings.*

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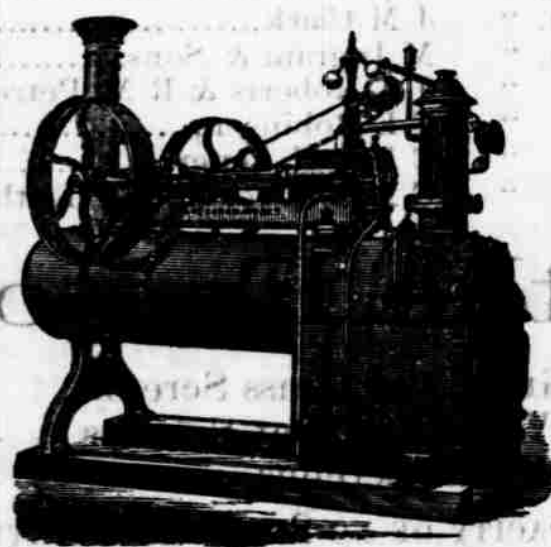
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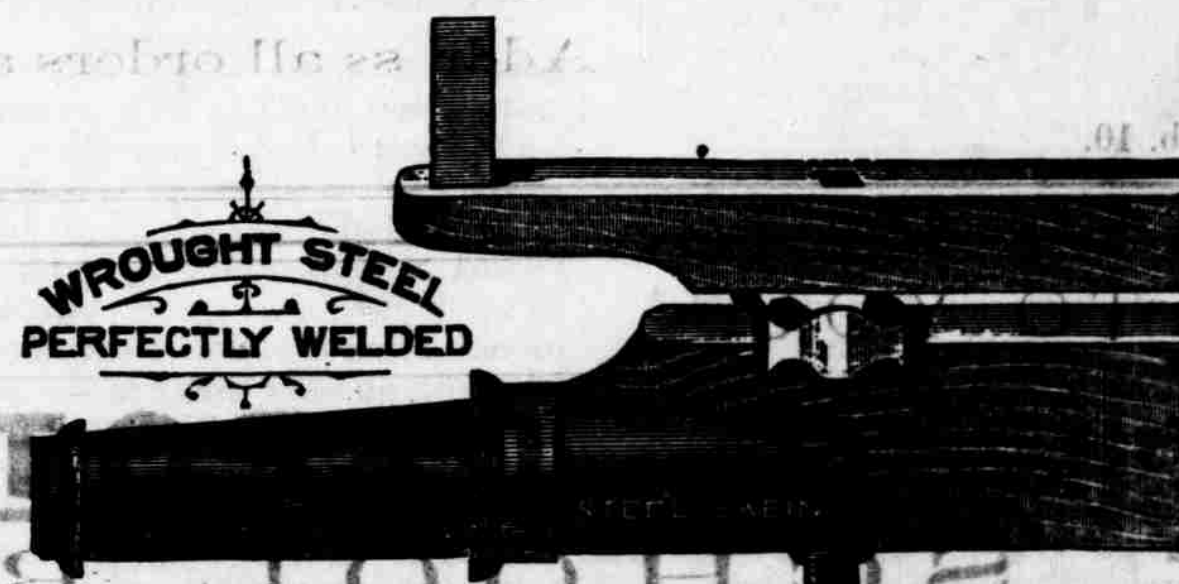
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